

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, as amended, remain pending herein.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner raised a new issue under § 112, second paragraph, alleging that claim 1, lines 5-6 is vague.

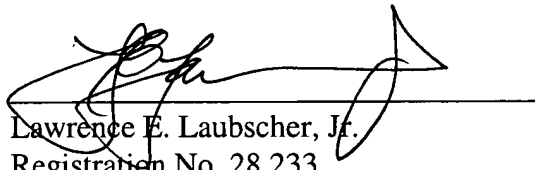
Parent claims 1 and 11 have been further amended to recite the ohmic contact as being "photo-transparent." Such a contact is described on page 3, lines 13-16. Applicant courteously contends that the claims as amended now comply with § 112, second paragraph.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

Allowance of claims 1-17 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the claims:**

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A surface emitting laser, consisting essentially of:  
  
a plurality of spaced apart mirrors;  
  
a light amplifying region between said mirrors;  
  
a substrate; and  
  
a photon-transparent ohmic contact for passing light energy therethrough whereby light emission through said surface emitting laser may be monitored.
  
11. (Twice Amended) A method for monitoring light emission from a surface emitting laser comprising:  
  
providing a surface emitting laser as set forth in claim 1;  
  
contacting said laser with a source of energy to generate light; and  
  
monitoring emitted light transmitted through said photon-transparent ohmic contact.